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## BIGGEST TAX CHECK EVER IN 1958

The biggest tax check ever to be received by the Town of Wilmington was received in October, 1958, by Town Collector Mirian Ware.

The sum of \$94,135.80 was paid into the town treasury for the AVCO Research & Advanced Development Division Labs on Lowell Street, representing their taxes on the property as it was valued on Jan. 1 of the last year.

The valuation was arrived at by Wilmington Assessors after a careful computation of construction costs, as they stood on Dec. 31, a year ago.

### No 'Deals'

The check stands in refutation of the rumors which have been spread around Wilmington for the past year by some people, as to 'deals' between the AVCO corporation and Wilmington officials.

According to Dr. Lloyd P. Smith, past President of the Research & Advanced Development Division of AVCO, the company expects the tax bill for 1959 to be nearly half a million dollars.

### The Crown Jewel

The Research & Advanced Development Laboratories, on Lowell Street represent the Crown Jewel of the far flung AVCO Corporation - one of America's largest companies, ranking well up in the top 100.

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The location and construction of the buildings, in Wilmington, constitute the Number One Story, for the town of Wilmington, in 1958.



### BRIDGE OVER NOTHING?

The new bridge, for Interstate Highway 93, over the tracks of the Boston & Maine Railroad, Portland Division, as it appeared last Sunday.

With the bridge still uncompleted, after the expenditure of a lot of time and money, the railroad is now reported to be planning to completely tear up the tracks, which would make bridge a Bridge Over Nothing.

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### RAILROAD PROTEST MEETING NEXT MONDAY DRAWS MUCH INTEREST

The action of Town Manager Fred Calabrese, and the Wilmington Railroad Committee, in calling for a meeting to plan against the proposed cuts by the Boston & Maine Railroad has evinced wide interest.

TM Calabrese has received a number of letters from out of town, approving of the move, and promising assistance. Some of the letters painted the railroad picture as being a most unhealthy situation for the greater Boston communities.

### Tear Up Tracks?

According to one letter the Town Manager received, the writer of which he did not disclose, one of the plans of the Boston & Maine Railroad is to tear up completely, all the tracks between Reading and the North Wilmington Junction.

Such a move would isolate North Wilmington, and would close down completely two of the businesses in that area.

Polcaro Brothers, on Middlesex Avenue, in North Wilmington, receive weekly large shipments of cement and kindred materials, by rail.

The Industrial Warehouse, on Concord Street is reported to receive about 20 carloads of materials a month.

Both are entirely dependent on the Boston & Maine RR.

### Fast Action

The action by the committee was decided on, at 10 pm on Dec. 23rd.

By noon of Dec. 24th letters had been written to the Mayors and Selectmen of the 29 towns involved, inviting them to take concerted action, and to meet in the Wilmington High School on Jan 5th., at 8 pm together with their Town Councils, and City Solicitors, to plan concerted action.

The hearing is to be held in the State House on Jan. 21st.

stores, and a number of offices in the second story.

To be located near Bill & Mel's, the flat roofed structure will also have one apartment on the second story.

The builder is named as R. L. MacDonald of Chestnut St. Woburn, and the architect as, Claude Miquell, of Melrose.

**NEW STORE BUILDINGS  
PLANNED FOR MAIN STREET**  
Philip Gardner, 496 Main St. Woburn has taken out a permit for the construction of a building at 307 Main Street which will include three



A FINE NEW HOME BUILT IN 1958

Walter Keough, of Medford, built this home by himself, and then moved into it, on Oakridge Circle. The interior appointments are worthy of anyone's inspection.

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### HE'S A SHE

The gentleman (Bill Kulka) advancing with outstretched hand is really the heroine of St. Dorothy's Actors Guild forthcoming Melodrama, in February. The suspicious looking gent with the glasses is Roland Desharnais, who is cast in the role of the Hero.

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## MR HAGERTY DOESN'T AGREE

1959 opens with a determined effort on the  
part of some people to discredit the Town Man-  
ager Plan of Wilmington. They seek to have our  
Town Manager Charter revoked. People are going  
from door to door, with petitions.

The right of petition is a God given right  
which is guaranteed by our Constitution. Each  
individual has the right to act as he chooses,  
and no one should decry his efforts, if honest  
they be.

There are people in Wilmington who sincerely  
dislike the Town Manager Plan.

There are people in Wilmington who sing its  
praises to the skies.

Both feel that they, and only they are right  
The Town Crier agrees with neither group.

Wilmington's Town Manager Plan is not per-  
fect. We have already amended it once, when we  
took away from the Town Manager certain fiscal  
powers. We should perhaps amend it in several  
other respects, one of these being perhaps a  
clarification of who can be a candidate for  
Town Manager.

Amending the plan is the answer. Just be-  
cause a ring is tight one does not cut off his  
hand, and just because there may be a feature  
of the Town Manager Plan that is not liked one  
does not cut off the head of the goose which  
laid the Golden Eggs.

For it was the Town Manager Plan which  
brought to Wilmington the Model Zoning Law, the  
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*Nostalgic tunes we all hold dear.*

*Sing them again; sing clear and strong,*

*And free us from the Chipmunk song.*

position in regard to industry - witness, if you  
will AVCO and Mystic Transformers, both brought  
here by our Zoning Law. Others will follow.

The regrettable feature of all this is that  
the Wilmington Town Democratic Committee, with  
perhaps the best intentions in the world, has  
allowed its name to be used by some people who  
are actively trying to destroy the Town Manager  
Plan.

One of our outstanding Democrats, Mr. Fran-  
cis Hagerty, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen  
deplores this. He is gently refusing to go a-  
long with the Democratic Town Committee's ac-  
tion, saying that neither Republican nor Demo-  
cratic Town Committees should mix into the in-  
ternal policies of a town.

Mr. Hagerty has left no doubt in his lis-  
teners as to his standing on the questions. He  
is for the Town Manager Plan, with possibly  
some amendments, which should first be thorough-  
ly considered, he says, before action.

And as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen  
he is in a unique position to observe and e-  
valuate, in the Town of Wilmington.

## THE TERMITE IN THE WOODWORK

Opposed to the attitude of Mr. Hagerty, in  
more ways than one, is a man whom we term "The  
Termite in the Woodwork"

He is a man who seeks to have the Town Man-  
ager Plan destroyed, not because of his honest  
beliefs, but because it would pay him money.

If he can destroy the Town Manager Plan, he  
might also be able to destroy the Zoning Law,  
and the Planning Board, and the Inspection  
System (Sanitarian - Building Inspector) etc  
that we in Wilmington have acquired in the past  
few years, and that adds immeasurably to our  
prospects for a better town.

This man wants to speculate in real estate.  
He wants to build cheap flimsy dwellings, on  
small lots of land, and sell them for lots of  
money. He wants to buy some of our Wilmington  
farms, and convert them into money for himself.

Anything that he can do to discredit the  
confidence of the voter in the present system  
will lead to his goal - money in his pocket.

Our Termite friend is working industriously,  
and has succeeded in misleading some very fine  
citizens. They have become his dupes. These  
people, without realizing it, and believing  
that they are working for a better Wilmington,  
are doing the bidding of the Termite.

The result - let us get hundreds of cheap  
flimsy homes in this town - and our tax rate  
will soar. Our Tax Stability, so hardly a-  
chieved is in direct danger.

Our voters must learn to distinguish the  
double talk that will be coming, by the most  
indirect and devious methods, to their homes,  
in the next few months. It will take intelli-  
gence and work, on the part of our citizens, to  
separate the truth from the lies.

We won't hear anything about tax stability  
from our Termite Friend. We probably won't hear  
anything about the fine features of our Zoning  
Law. But we will hear plenty about many other  
subjects. Lies are being manufactured daily,  
all tending to undermine the confidence of our  
voters, and to distort their judgement.

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## TOWN NOTES

### Weather

It was down to 4 degrees, at  
7 am on Christmas day, the  
coldest weather for the week.  
By Sunday it had warmed up to  
44 degrees, in the afternoon,  
and it was wonderful weather  
for skating. Every pond in the  
town (and Wilmington has  
plenty) had its crowds of ska-  
ters, stumbling over the rough  
ice.

There are only two places  
where the skating is at all  
decent, the Wilmington Skating  
Club, and Rotary Park, which  
is being readied by the Ska-  
ting Club for the New England  
Championships, on Jan. 16 - 17

### Fishing

The ice, on Silver Lake, in  
case any one is interested, was  
7 1/2 inches thick, Sunday. Mike  
Kasczynski, using fish traps  
owned by his grandfather 58  
years ago, caught a nice fat  
pickerel, and we were able to  
measure the thickness of the  
ice through the hole he had  
cut.

Not to be outdone by his Sun-  
day feat, Mike went back Tues-  
day afternoon and caught three  
more of the pickerel. One of  
them, he reports, was only 20  
inches long.

### Santa

We missed this one last week,  
but it seems that Santa made  
a personal pre-Christmas visit  
to a number of homes in Wil-  
mington.

On Dec 23rd the kiddoes of  
the Park Street Acres were  
pleasantly surprised as Santa  
made a house to house visit,  
on a last minute check, before  
he made his annual trip. He  
left the area convinced that  
the kiddoes deserved all the  
presents he had for them, and  
leaving a number of mothers  
and dads equally convinced in  
the innate goodness of the old  
Gentleman.

### Ice on the Lake

Tuesday, with its warm wea-  
ther, might possibly have a-  
chieved something towards mak-  
ing the ice smoother.

We have to report that it is  
just about as rough as we can  
recall.

It wasn't for trying. Half a  
dozen Silver Lake residents,  
to wit Eddie Fuller, Dave Lan-  
ders, Walter Carrier and Rich-  
ard Fuller borrowed some Fire  
Hose, Saturday evening and  
flooded the lake, over on the  
Grove Avenue side.

They got permission from Har-  
old Melzar, of the water de-  
partment, to drain water from  
one of the hydrants.

Unfortunately, somebody went  
skating on the new water, just  
as it was freezing, and just  
about spoiled all their ef-  
forts.

But all was not lost. Eddie  
Sullivan reports that the  
drainage of water from the hy-  
drant cleared up the rust that  
had been coming out of the  
kitchen sink faucet.

### READING UNITARIAN CHURCH

Sunday, Jan 4, 9:30-9:50 am,  
Upper School worship service.  
9:50-10:30 am, Upper School  
classes. 9:30-10:15 am Lower  
School classes. 10:20-10:30 am  
Lower School worship service.  
11 am, Worship Service. Sermon  
'Who Are Unitarians'  
Following will be a coffee  
hour in Parish Hall  
4:30 Jr & Fellowship  
6:30 HSLRY Meeting. Film show-  
ing, 'Strange Case of Cosmic  
Ray'  
8:30 College Age Group meeting  
at church.  
Wed. Jan 7, Jr Unity Lunch-  
eon meeting at noon. Book, Rev  
Mrs Richard Heselton.  
Thu. Jan 8, 7:30 choir re-  
hearsal; 8 pm, Building Com-  
mittee Meeting.  
Fri. Jan 9, 8:30. HS Splash  
party, Melrose YMCA.

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And indirectly, it will be the work of the Termite.

### FOR IT CAN BE THE YEAR OF STABILITY

Two years ago, and last year, the Town Crier told the people of Wilmington "This is a Year of the Tight Belt".

Now, on this first day of January, 1959, we can tell our readers:

This can be the Year of Tax Stability.

No one can, this early in the season, exactly predict figures. No one can know.

But the work of the past five and six years is beginning to pay off. If our voters keep a cool head on their shoulders, when they vote in the annual March Town Meeting, Wilmington can not only keep a Stable Government, but what may be more rewarding in the long run, may achieve Tax Stability.

Already there is talk in nearby communities of a \$90 and \$100 tax rate this year.

It might be too early for us to boast - but Wilmington has an excellent chance of dropping the Tax Rate, in 1959.

### CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH NEWS

On Sunday, January 4, 1959, the Rev. Ralph Ernest Bayes, D. D. will preach at both morning services in the Congregational Church in Wilmington. The Rev. Mr. Bayes was ordained to the Congregational Ministry on July 12, 1908 and during the succeeding twenty-three years he enjoyed pastorates in South Dakota, Wisconsin and Massachusetts. He is successor to Father Taylor, the illustrious Sailor Preacher who, prior to 1931 was the Minister to the Mariner's House in Boston. The Rev. Mr. Bayes comes to us with a rich background of experiences from his work since 1931 with the Home for Seamen, which was founded by the famous Sailor Preacher Father Taylor in 1829 and has been doing a great work among seamen of all countries who have come to this Non-Sectarian Home for Seamen. Mr. Bayes has made many crossings of the Atlantic and is familiar with the European countries. He has visited Central America and made trips into South America that gives him an insight into our Latin-American problems so that you may be certain that the thoughts that he will bring to us thru his sermon entitled 'Pressing Forward' will challenge us to look up and to look forward.

A cordial invitation is extended to all people interested in sharing the Sunday morning hour of worship with the Rev. Ralph Ernest Bayes in the pulpit.

### ST DOROTHY NEWS

Today is the feast of the Circumcision, a holy day, and a day of obligation. Masses are the same as Sunday, at St. Dorothy's Hall at 8:45 and 11 am and at St. Mary's Chapel at 7, 8:15, 9:15, 10:30 & 11:45.

Confessions today at 7:30 pm. First Friday Masses at 6 and 7 Friday evening we shall have a holy hour at 7:30. We have been disappointed in the past at the small congregation at this beautiful service, and are hoping that more parishioners will come to do honor to Our Lord in this Blessed Sacrament.

We are grateful to all for the generous contributions of Christmas Day. We feel it necessary beginning next Sunday to raise the pew rent or door money to twenty five cents. We have kept it fifteen cents until we received definite word about our new church. Please do not remain away from Mass if you cannot afford this, for we will understand.

The St. Dorothy's Actors Guild is rehearsing their play which they will present in February. We appreciate the work these men are doing. To be a patron costs \$1, and we hope to see every family in the parish represented.

### 'GOD IS A SPIRIT' COMMUNION MEDITATION AT METHODIST CHURCH

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed in the Wilmington Methodist on the First Sunday of the New Year, Jan 4 at the 10:30 am service of worship. The Rev Richard Harding will bring a communion meditation, 'God is a Spirit' during the worship hour. Mr

Harding will be assisted in this service by Rev Richard McFarland, Student pastor of the church, and Ariel Wood, local preacher.

The senior choir under the leadership of Mrs W T Staveley will provide special music. Mr Harding has reminded the members and friends of the church that the sacrament of Holy Communion is open to all persons who wish to share in this service commemorating the Last Supper.

### OFFICIAL BOARD OF METHODIST CHURCH TO CONDUCT MONTHLY MEETING

The regular scheduled meeting of the Official Board of the Methodist Church will be held in the conference room of the new church on Monday, Jan 5 at 8 pm. All members of the Board have been urged to attend as a portion of the 1959 budget will be considered, and

plans made for various activities and program for the year. The Annual Church Meeting is scheduled for Friday, Feb 6, with the family style supper beginning promptly at 6:30 pm. Members and friends of the

congregation have been asked to reserve this date in order that as many of the church families can attend.

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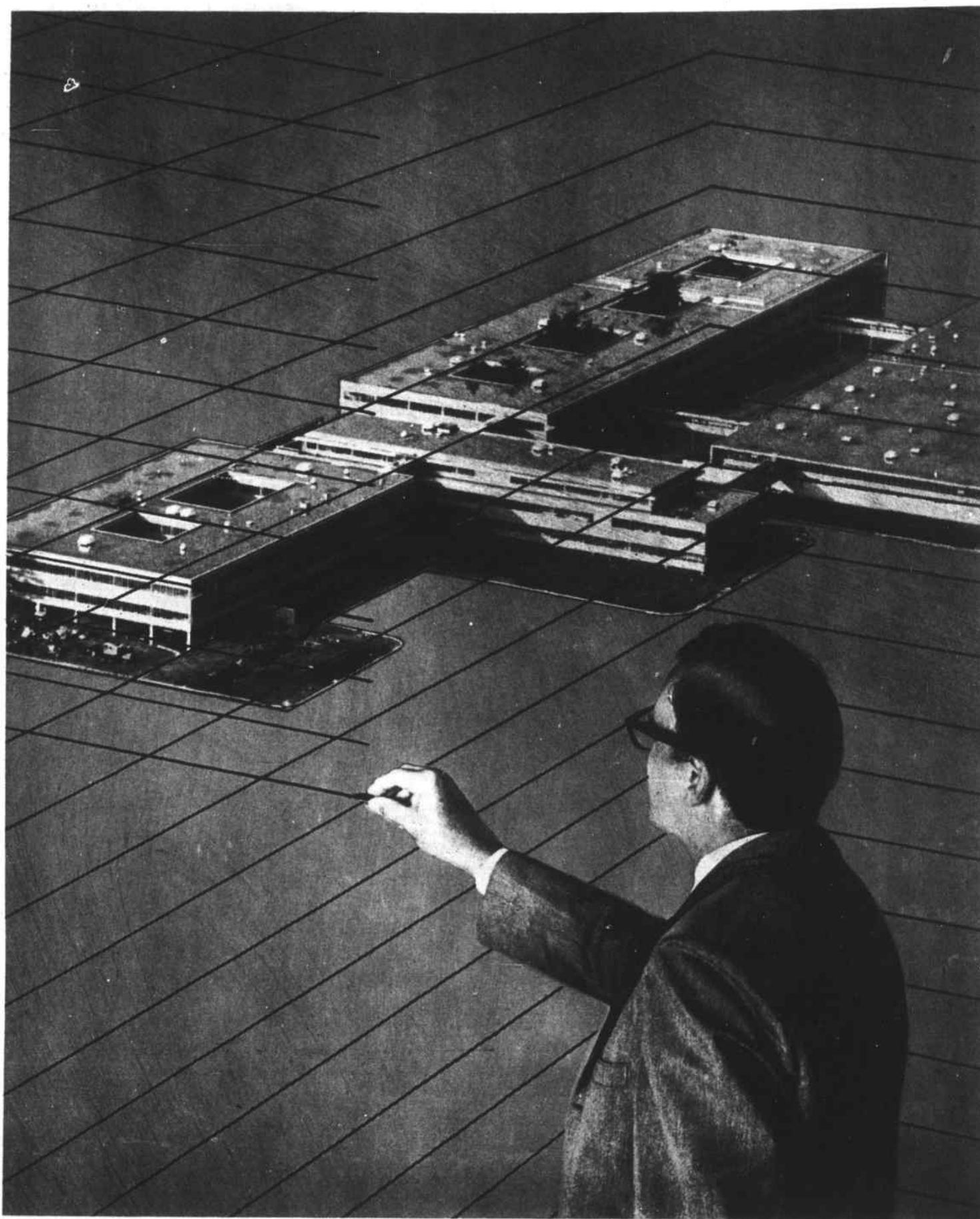
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### IMPRESSIONS OF AVCO

The first impression that a new visitor to AVCO gets is one of sheer size, and the tremendous distances necessary to walk, to get from one office to another, within the plant.

The first impression of AVCO is the Avant-Garde type of planning involved. A visitor, driving down Lowell Street, which cannot be described as rural, nor can it be described as urban, suddenly comes upon a vista of sophisticated immensity.

In the day time, the plant, while huge, still lends into the landscape, within seconds. At night the impression is different - for the lights, burning all night long, be-taken feverish activity, or a tremendous pulse. They aren't brilliant lights - one doesn't see them miles away. They are lights with a purpose, and there must be a million or two of them.

After entering the plant the impression of Avant Garde still remains, but mingled are other thoughts - one of the distances involved, within the buildings, and the other of the sophistication, planned sophistication, that strikes the new visitor with each new vista.

There is a planned random color engineering, which gradually grows on the visitor as he traverses the long corridors. One cannot report the colors, but they are no means constant, and by no means is there a clash.

### Colors

AVCO, designed to be a combination of a college campus and a modern research laboratory has within itself a somewhat curious combination of colors, all designed to be restful to the eye, and perhaps to take a person's mind off his business.

The best example of the color combinations may best be described in the office of President James Kerr.

It is a large office - sumptuous is not quite the word, but it gives an idea of the set up.

In the receptionist's room the wall to the right is of plaster painted with a butterscotch color.

The opposite wall is wood - walnut, to be exact, and the color is dark, but with many lighter colored streaks. There is a large 'planter' or window box, for flowers, in the center of the room, and there are three settees, for visiting firemen.

Two of the settees are finished in royal blue, with green stripes, and look like the type of flag one associates with the smaller Central American republics. The third settee is the color of coffee ice cream.

The random color idea is extended throughout the President's quarters - the tile in his bathroom, for instance, has little blue spots every here and there.

The conference room, which looks out on a large private patio, has butterscotch and teak walls, a large conference table, and 14 chairs - 11 of which are coffee colored, one is blue, one green, and the third the kind of orange the Navy uses, to make things like lifebelts visible to an aviator, at sea - call it Sea-Rescue Orange.

We call it Sea Rescue Orange, to differentiate from the Orange of the doors, which is, we are told, called Krieks' Orange.

The various colors were adopted, we understand, only after a number of consultations, such as modern bureaucracy, and modern business loves - consultants, consultants for consultants, etc etc.

We hope the net result is conducive to effort - and not dreaming - although perhaps what an AVCO Research and Development president is supposed to do.



### AVCO SECURITY

AVCO's Security system is quite complete, and includes first aid, police and fire services. A new modern ambulance, completely equipped, is ready at all times, and beside it is a fire-apparatus, manned by Fireman James Curley of North Andover.

The security desk is manned by Sgt. Albert Leader (of Tewksbury) a member of the AVCO Special Police. In the white shirt is Capt. Ralph Urbano, of Merrimac.



Fire Marshall of Lockwood Road, inspecting one of the many Fire Stations in the AVCO yard.



Her Name Is Joan

And she is waiting, in the AVCO dispensary, to see the Doctor. AVCO is well prepared, medically, for accidents within its plant.



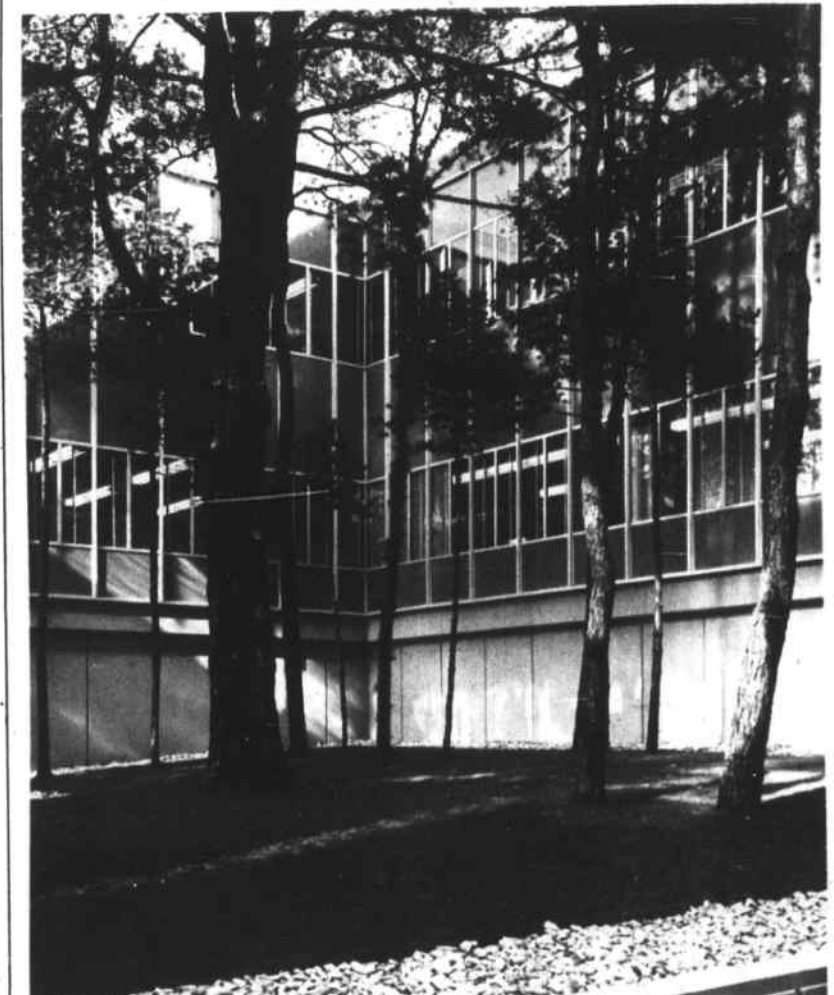
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### AVCO'S RECEPTION ROOM

Still unfinished, the Reception Room of AVCO is commanded by a huge reception desk which, rumor has it, cost \$2200. Miss Elizabeth 'Betty' McDonough, of West Peabody, (telephone in hand) is the Receptionist. One of the several policemen always in the neighborhood is Corp. William Cavanaugh, of Lawrence.



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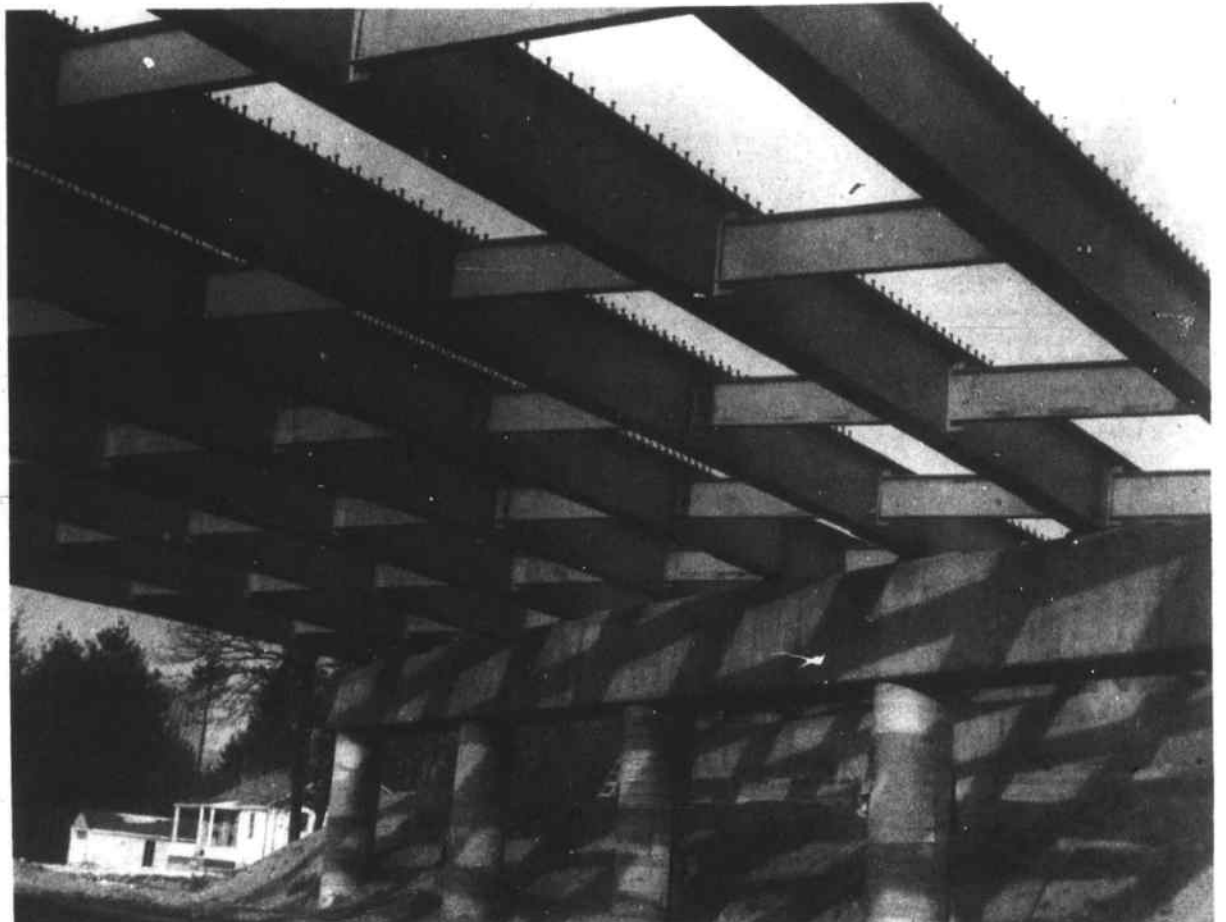
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### DON MERCIER HAS REASON TO SMILE

The members of the Wilmington Police Department, Special and Regular, found a bonanza in the construction of the new Highway through Wilmington. Campanella & Cardi hire about a dozen every day, for special traffic duties, and it all means extra pay for the men involved.



### CONSTRUCTION CAN HAVE BEAUTY

The Town Crier Photographer caught a beauty of rhythm, looking up at the girders of the new bridge being built over Concord Street, for Interstate Highway 93.

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### PLANS FOR NEW YEARS' EVE BALL COMPLETED

The New Years' Eve Semi-Formal Ball being sponsored by Adult Fellowship of the Wilmington Methodist Church have been completed, co-chairman of the committee, Mrs. Frank McLean and Mrs. William Hooper, have announced. The festivities will begin at 9 pm in the vestry of the new church building and will continue until 11:15 pm when a service of worship will be held in the new sanctuary. Following the service the program will continue with a gala welcome of the new year and a buffet luncheon served by the Adult Fellowship.

Members of the Older Youth Forum have beautifully decorated the hall, and the Senior High Group will provide some special entertainment during the evening. Featured in the entertainment will be repeat scenes from the Senior Class play by Earl Hubbard, president of the MYF. Earl had one of the leads in the play and did such an excellent job that many of the folks have asked for this feature as part of the entertainment.

### CARL R. CHAPMAN

Carl R. Chapman, 64, of 103 Aldrich Rd., died suddenly at his home Wednesday, December 24. He was born in Portland, Maine, and has lived in Wilmington for the past 20 years.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 27, at 2 pm by the Rev. Richard Harding at the Nichols Funeral Home, and burial was in Wildwood Cemetery.

Besides his wife, Lillian, he leaves two sons, three daughters, and several grandchildren. Bearers were his two sons, Lawrence of Wilmington, William of Maine; his three sons-in-law, Robert C. Semmier of Wilmington, Frank Goodwin of Somerville, Robert Sutton of Wilmington, and a grandson, Frank Goodwin, Jr., of Somerville.

### PROMOTED TO SERGEANT IN MARINE CORPS AFTER 14 MONTHS OF SERVICE

Billy Rosa, Kendall Street, has been promoted to Sergeant, US Marine Corps, 14 months after he enlisted in the service. Rosa, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rosa, is stationed on Okinawa.

### HARRY I. BARNES

Harry I. Barnes, 70, of Columbia Rd., died Saturday, December 27. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Richard Harding of the Methodist Church Monday, December 29 at 2 pm at the W. S. Cavanaugh Funeral Home. Burial was in the family lot in Wildwood Cemetery.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Alice (Smith) Barnes, he leaves one son, David H., of Reading.

### HENRY HILLER

Henry Hiller of 83 Middlesex Ave. died by asphyxiation from smoke Saturday morning, December 27 at his home. He was 89 years old, and had been a resident of Wilmington for the past 70 years.

A Solemn High Mass of Requiem was celebrated at St. Thomas Church Tuesday, December 30 at 10 am. The funeral procession started from the home of his niece, Mrs. Gertrude Condrey, on Middlesex Ave. Burial was in the family lot in Wildwood Cemetery.

He is survived by one sister Mrs. Angelina Butters and by several nieces and nephews.



**WILMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL BUS SCHEDULE  
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 5, 1959**

(Note: Bus Numbers refer to last number printed on bus, e.g.  
Bus #2 is Bus 252  
Bus #9 is Bus 259

\*NOTE: CENTER GROUP includes the following schools: Center Buzzell, Swain and the High School Addition.

**BUS #2**

Trip #1: 7:20 A.M. - High School  
Leave Forest and Aldrich, via Forest, Burlington Ave., and Church St., to High School.

Trip #2: 7:30 A.M. - High School  
Leave Boutwell and Aldrich, via Aldrich, Shawsheen Ave., and Bridge Lane to High School.

Trip #3: 8 A.M. - West, Walker and Center Group\*  
Leave Nichols St. at Shawsheen, proceed to Lake and Shawsheen (discharge Rogers pupils) thence to West School to Bridge Lane and Main St. to Schools. (Return trip - Pick up pupils at Jim's Variety.)

Trip #4: 8:20 A.M. - Walker and Center Group\*  
Leave Shawsheen at Carter Lane, proceed to Bridge Lane and Main St. to Schools.

**BUS #3**

Trip #1: 7:20 A.M. - High School  
Leave Lowell and West Sts., via Lowell, Main and Church St. to High School.

Trip #2: 7:35 A.M. - High School  
Leave Myrsted's on Ballardvale, via Ballardvale, Salem and Middlesex Ave. to High School.

Trip #3: 8 A.M. - Grades 4,5,6, Center Group\*  
Leave Burlington Ave. at Dell Drive, proceed via Forest, Aldrich, Boutwell to Burlington Ave. to Schools.

Trip #4: 8:20 A.M. - Grades 1,2,3, Walker and Center Group\*  
Leave Burlington Ave. at Dell Drive, proceed via Forest, Aldrich, Boutwell to Burlington Ave. to Schools.

Trip #5: 8:40 A.M. - M. Rogers and Center Group\*  
Leave Glen Road and Lawrence, proceed via Glen Road to Grove Ave., discharge Rogers pupils and pick up at Tattersall's Proceed to , by way of Main St. to Schools.

**BUS #4**

Trip #1: 7:20 A.M. - High School  
Leave Woburn and West Sts., via Woburn, High, and Middlesex Ave. to High School.

Trip #2: 7:35 A.M. - High School  
Leave Grove Ave. and Lake, via Lake, Main, Silver Lake Hardware, Clark and Church Sts. to High School.

Trip #3: 8 A.M. - Wildwood and Grade 6 (High School)  
Leave Andover St. at Road Fork, proceed via Andover, Salem St. to Arlene Road. Proceed via High and Woburn Sts., making stops as far as Concord St., thence to Schools.

Trip #4: 8:25 A.M. - Wildwood and Grade 6 (High School)  
Leave Park and Gowing, proceed via Park and Woburn Sts. to Schools.

**BUS #6**

Trip #1: 7:20 A.M. - High School  
Leave Woburn Line at Main, via Main, Eames, Woburn, Lowell and Adams Sts. to High School.

Trip #2: 7:35 A.M. - High School - Girls  
Leave Main and Grove Ave., via Main, Clark and Church Sts. to High School.

Trip #3: 8 A.M. - Rogers and Center Group\*  
Leave West School, proceed via Shawsheen Ave. to Lake (pick up Rogers pupils) to Grove Ave. to Main St. to Schools. (Return trip in P.M. Discharge Nichols St. pupils at Jim's Variety.)

Trip #4: 8:20 A.M. - Walker and Center Group\*  
Leave Burlington Avenue and Boutwell, proceed via Burlington Ave. to Schools.

Trip #5: 8:35 A.M. - Center Group\*  
Leave Grove and Main, proceed via Main St. to Schools.

**BUS #7**

Trip #1: 7:20 A.M. - High School  
Leave McDonald Road and Salem St., via Salem to Middlesex Ave. to High School.

Trip #2: 7:35 A.M. - High School - Boys  
Leave Main and Grove Ave., via Main, Clark and Church Sts. to High School.

Trip #3: 8 A.M. - Wildwood and Grade 6 (High School)  
Leave Hathaway Acres, proceed via Woburn St. to Schools.

Trip #4: 8:20 A.M. - Whitefield and Center Group\*  
Leave Myrsted's on Ballardvale St., proceed via Ballardvale, Middlesex Ave. to Schools.

**BUS #8**

Trip #1: 7:20 A.M. - High School  
Leave Mill Pond on Chestnut St., via Chestnut St. and Burlington Ave. to High School.

Trip #2: 7:40 A.M. - High School  
Leave Shawsheen Ave. at Lake St., proceed via Lake and Main St. to Silver Lake Hardware. Proceed via Main and Clark Sts. to School.

Trip #3: 8 A.M. - Walker and Center Group\*  
Leave Mill Pond on Chestnut St., proceed via Chestnut, Burlington Ave. to Schools.

Trip #4: 8:25 A.M. - Center Group\*  
Leave Salem St. at Signore's, proceed via Salem St. to Main St. at Tewksbury Line and make stops on Main St. as far as Lake St., thence to Schools.

**BUS #9**

Trip #1: 7:20 A.M. - High School  
Leave Hathaway Acres, via Woburn, Andover Sts. and Middlesex Ave. to High School.

Trip #2: 8 A.M. - Wildwood and Grade 6 (High School)  
Leave Lowell and Dartmouth, proceed via Lowell, Main, Cross and Lowell Sts. to Schools.

Trip #3: 8:15 A.M. - Wildwood and Grade 6 (High School)  
Leave Lowell and West Sts., proceed via Lowell and Woburn Sts. to Schools.

Trip #4: 8:30 A.M. - Wildwood and Grade 6 (High School)  
Leave Main St., opposite Greer's, proceed to Woburn line. Return via Main, Eames and Woburn Sts. to Schools.

7:45 p.m.

SUNDAY: Communion Sunday for the women of the parish, especially the CDA, Sodality and Legion of Mary.

During the week parishioners who returned their pledge cards will receive temporary envelopes for the month of January. We ask you to use them starting New Year's Day. If we failed to acknowledge your card, please notify us.

This week's Pilot features unusual photos and commentaries on the recent Consistory. We have placed envelopes in the pews for the convenience of those who would like to subscribe. Subscriptions are \$3 a year, and you may pay piecemeal in your monthly Building Fund envelope.

**TO CLAIM CONNECTICUT GIRL AS BRIDE**

Mr and Mrs Earl De Wolfe of Avon, Connecticut, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Pearl, to Walter Ross Jr., son of Mr and Mrs Walter Ross, 873 Main St. No date has been set for the wedding.

**EVENING SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Classes at the Wilmington Evening School will resume during the week of Jan. 4. The school's director, Ronald S. Preble, reports that several courses have room for a few more students. Registration for new students will take place in the respective classrooms on Tuesday, Jan. 6 and Thursday, Jan. 8, starting at 7 p.m. at the Wilmington High School on Church St. Approximately 500 people are currently enjoying evening classes. Many of them are non-residents.

The courses which can accept beginners are: Clothing (two separate classes - Tues or Thurs), Fabric Painting (Tues or Thurs), Decorated Ware (Thurs), Knitting (Tues), Advanced Typing (Tues & Thurs), Bookkeeping (Tues & Thurs), Office Machines (Tues & Thurs), Practical Math (Tues & Thurs), Rug Hooking (Thurs), Slip Covers (Thurs), Shorthand (Tues & Thurs), and Upholstery (Thurs).

Courses which can accept students who have had previous training are: Advanced Clothing (two separate classes - Tues or Thurs), Decorated Ware (Thurs), Knitting (Tues), Advanced Typing (Tues & Thurs), Bookkeeping (Tues & Thurs), Office Machines (Tues & Thurs), Practical Math (Tues & Thurs), Rug Hooking (Thurs), Slip Covers (Thurs), Shorthand (Tues & Thurs), and Upholstery (Thurs).

The Drafting class which meets Thursday evenings will be of particular interest to those who are interested in an introduction to architectural drafting, particularly as it applies to residential structures. Some previous drafting training is required.

The teacher of the Foods class for women, Mrs. Wilhelmina DeLisle, has offered to teach a Foods class for men on Thursday evenings providing there is a sufficient number requests for the course. Mrs. DeLisle has successfully taught this course to men before. Those interested should send a post card before Jan. 6 to Mrs. DeLisle in care of the Wilmington Evening School giving your name, address, and phone number.

The Cake Decorating course which has been so well received in the past will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 7 p.m. Those who have not already registered may do so at the first class. The classes will be held on Jan. 13, 15, 20, 22, and 27.

The registration fee for all courses is \$1.00, regardless of place of residence.

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Week of January 5

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TUE: Orange juice, hamburger & gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered peas, corn bread & butter, jelly doughnuts, milk.

WED: Italian spaghetti with meat sauce, cole slaw, cheese pieces, bulkies & butter, fruit jello, milk.

THU: Home baked beans, grilled frankfurter, tomato wedges, dark bread & butter, cookies, milk.

FRI: Shrimp croquettes with cheese sauce, parried potatoes, buttered w k corn, bread & butter, mandarin orange sections, milk.

**JOSEPHINE E McLAUGHLIN**

Mrs Josephine E (Knowlton) McLaughlin, 66, of Ballardvale St, North Wilmington, died Friday, December 26. A High Mass of Requiem was held at St Thomas Church Tuesday, December 30, at 9 am, and interment was in Calvary Cemetery, Woburn. Funeral arrangements were in charge of W S Cavanaugh Funeral Home.

The widow of the late Philip McLaughlin, she leaves four sons, Frank and Charles of Wilmington, Philip of Charlestown, and James of the U S Navy.

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## HELD IN BAIL AFTER SPEEDING THROUGH THREE TOWNS

Russell P Callahan, Mt. Pleasant Street, Woburn, is being held in \$1000 surety, after having pled guilty to a number of charges preferred by Wilmington Police Officers.

Callahan, on Dec 26th entered guilty pleas to charges of operating under the influence of liquor, operating so as to endanger, speeding, leaving the scene of an accident, failure to stop on the signal of a police officer, and operating a motor vehicle after having had his license suspended.

Callahan had been captured earlier in the day after a police chase that started in Wilmington and ended in Stoneham, where he rammed into a hedge.

He had sideswiped the Wilmington Police Cruiser, at the time operated by Sgt. Side-linker and Officer Geo. Fuller and then continued without stopping.

The pursuit went through Woburn, and into Stoneham, with Winchester Police Officer Joseph Cogan joining the chase. Sentence will be passed by Justice William Henchey, this week.

## THE STORY OF THE CASKET WOMAN

(Being a complete story of the life of Mrs. Dr. Henry Hiller famed 'Casket Woman' of the nineteenth century)

Mrs. Dr. Henry Hiller was one of the most fabulous persons to live in Massachusetts during the nineteenth century.

Known far and wide as the 'Casket Woman' because of the two \$10,000 caskets which she had made in the 'cranberry house' on her estate in Wilmington, she was a person who

had everything she touch turn to gold. Her life, and her doings were a matter of nation wide interest, during her life time, being reported in all the newspapers of the United States. Since her death nearly sixty years ago she had been widely forgotten. The death of her last husband, Henry Hiller II, now revives memories of this sensational-seeking woman. She was born in Demerarr, in South America. The exact date is in question, because of her secretive nature. At one time she declared that she was born on Feb. 11, 1845, but it may have been earlier, perhaps 10 years or so.

Not much is known of her very early life. Her maiden name was Pharaos, with her father being either Ano, or Anco, and her mother being either Yetter or Zetta. Accounts differ.

Evidently she spoke little during her life of her first marriage, which produced two daughters. It was not until her will was probated that many persons learned for the first time of the existence of these two women.

During most of the life of this woman, in Wilmington, she was thought to be childless.

While studying medicine, in London, during the Civil War period, in the United States she met Dr. Henry Hiller, a German Doctor of Medicine, born in Bavaria, whose parents had lived on Cape Cod.

Mrs. Hiller, too, seems at some time or other to have lived on Cape Cod, but definite proof is lacking.

At the time she started her cranberry business, in Wilmington she is known to have remarked that she learned it on Cape Cod.

Another indication of her ha-

**K OF C HAS BOUGHT LAND**  
The Father Coppens Building Corporation, acting with the assistance of Richard Cardinal Cushing has purchased land, in South Tewksbury, on Main St. near the Wilmington line, for eventual use as the site of a Knights of Columbus Hall.

ving lived there, a tenuous explanation perhaps, is her friendship with the MacIntosh family, of Wilmington.

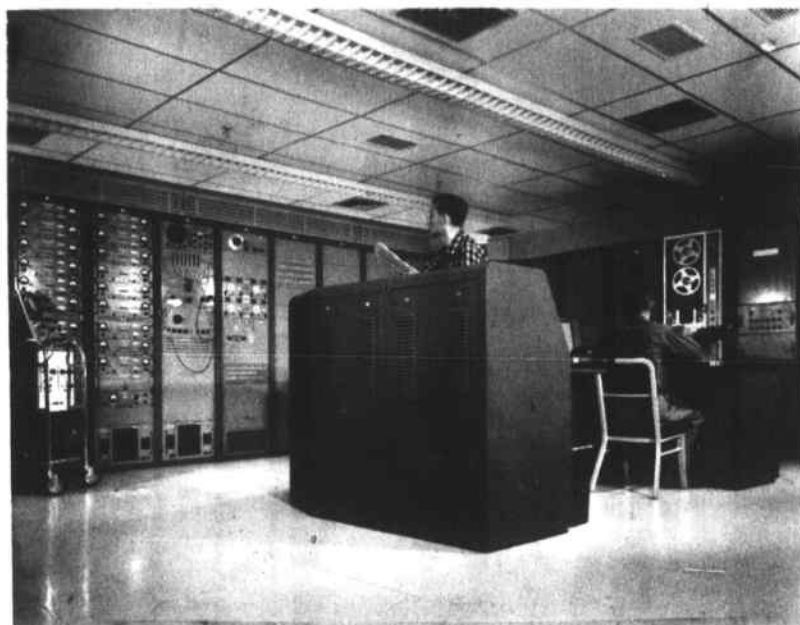
The MacIntoshes had first settled at Sandwich, on Cape Cod, about 1803, when they had first been brought to the United States to instruct people in the art of blowing glass, in which art they were skilled artisans. The family later moved from Sandwich to Freeport, Maine, thence to New Orleans, and finally to Wilmington, during and after the Civil War, in which war Capt. George MacIntosh lost a considerable part of his fortune.

The Hillers first appeared in Wilmington in 1873, as boarders at the home of the Rose family, whose home stood on Main Street, about where the A. B. Sweezey Lumber Plant is now. (The house itself was burned down, as a 4th of July prank, many years ago).

Mr. Rose was German, and his wife was Irish, he was Protestant, and she was Catholic. They were evidently the most mis-mated pair ever to live in Wilmington - it is on record that they fought 'like cats and dogs, all the time.

It was here that the Hillers first lived in Wilmington. The Rose home, where they boarded, was directly across the street from the home of Capt. George and Mary MacIntosh, further evidence, perhaps, of her having lived on Cape Cod.

Both the Hillers were, already, full doctors of Medicine. He had established a laboratory, in Boston, where he manufactured and sold medicine by mail - one of the most fabulous businesses of the day, as things turned out.



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Dr. Hiller manufactured and sold medicine. It was for the cure of one of the so-called 'social' diseases. His advertisements appeared in practically every newspaper in the United States, and Dr. Ernest C. MacDougall, of Wilmington who has read one of the advertisements testifies that it was just as good a medicine for the purpose as could be produced in that day.

Dr. Hiller, in his advertisements, gave full directions on how to make the medicine. It was a long and complicated prescription, enough to try the patience of any person who was not a pharmacist.

At the end of his advertisement were the words - 'If you find this is too much trouble, send me \$5 and I will send you 6 bottles'.

Dr. Hiller's drug business, did not fail for the lack of orders. He had to employ several clerks, just to open and

sort the mail. Contemporary accounts state that he was making about \$4000 a week.

This was the man, and the lady, who moved in with the fussing and feuding Rose family, and lived there for several years, while his mansion was being built, next door to what is now the Bedell Brothers Insurance Office, on Main Street.

## The Mansion

No money was spared, in the 14 room house. It was reportedly the first in the county to burn gas, for lights, a gas-manufacturing machine being a part of the household.

The windows were all of the most expensive colored glass. The paint, on the doors, for stripes, had to be of solid gold. Murals decorated all the walls - no wall paper for the Hiller home!

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Among the players will be Jeanie Ashworth Pat Bennett, Jane Randall, Louise Carnes, Robert Cornish, Philip Nelson, Gerald Rooney, Philip Tupper, and Paul Butt.

## BIRTHS

SAUNDERS, Kathy Ann, born Dec. 26th at Winchester Hospital to Mr and Mrs Douglas Saunders of Brown Street, Tewksbury. This is their second girl. Grandparents are Mrs Saunders of New York and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wicks of Parker Street, Wilmington.



## MARY ROSS ENGAGED

Miss Mary Ross, daughter of Mr and Mrs Walter Ross of 873 Main Street, whose engagement to Raymond LeBlanc, son of Mr and Mrs Leo LeBlanc of Lowell Street has just been announced. No date has been set for the wedding.

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